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SENTINEL DEDICATION

The first issue of our paper Serenity Sentinel was presented to the public at the Redwood Spiritualist Church in Redwood City. Rev. Dibble spoke movingly of the fulfillment of the vision of a Spiritualist Camp in Northern California. Richard Goodwin expressed the gratitude of Camp Serenity for the great interest and help it is receiving from the churches and other friends before he read the billets.

Initiation Services

On Sunday, Feb. 9th, six new Charter members were initiated into Camp Serenity Association at the Camp site outside Willits, California. The new members are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chasseur, Mrs. Pauline Leonard, Mrs. Connie Manning and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yager. Pres. Richard Goodwin conducted the service in the triangle of pines which guard the entrance to C.S. After the services the party enjoyed a picnic lunch and hike over the land visualizing the chapel, lodge and cabins which will soon be materializing among the trees.

The camp anthem, Spirit Of Serenity, words by Richard Goodwin and music by Walter Schweiger was introduced. The anthem was beautifully sung by Holly Yarberry and Rev. Dibble, accompanied by Mr. Schweiger.

The church served a lavish buffet topped off by a huge cake, gift of The Coiffure Palace in Palo Alto.

FEATURE

DUALITY

As we view the world we become confused by the constant motion of the veil of creation which continues to entertain us.

As the veil wears thin in the battle of duality between joy and sadness, love and hate, failure and victory, we begin to turn our sight inward where the spirit of truth awaits.

Man sees life's struggle as good and bad because he does not perceive that the created brain **IS** duality.

Until we learn to separate truth from creation we will continue to be battered by the senses and deceived by the brain.

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The Church

By Laura

Once upon a time there was a devout but lonely man from India who dwelt in a foreign city. From his isolation he watched the people who wandered the streets.

One day when he was out walking a vision came to him and he understood what God wanted him to do.

Starting with a few scraps of wood he set about building a church, a simple building where lonely people could come together and learn to know each other and the Great Source which sustained them.

As he built his church the people gathered around to wonder and then to help. One man carved the great doors. Another built a low stage to be used by anyone who needed to speak to his fellows. An old woman fashioned a pitcher and a cup on her wheel so that all might have water to drink.

When the church was finished the man went to his room where he gave thanks to God and asked himself how he could express his gratitude. Suddenly the answer came and, rising from his knees, he hurried to the studio of a sculptor where he contracted for a magnificent statue of his Guru.

When the statue was delivered to the church he had it placed at the center of the stage, and all the people came to see and wonder. The statue reminded the old woman of the religion of her childhood. Crossing herself, she hastened to a store and bought a beautiful blue and white image of the mother and child.

The carver, seeing these things, remembered the tortured man on the cross and, tortured himself by his own forgetfulness, carved a great cross and fixed the figure of a sad man on it by driving nails through the wooden palms and feet.

After this, each man and woman who loved the church brought his symbol. The Sun Goddess smiled from her position at the left of the stage. Krishna and Buddha jostled each other on the right. Confucius stared down from the cluttered wall. Minor saints and old Gods were massed on hastily assembled shelves. Room was even found for an Ark which was shoved aside by a great golden calf. Soon the room was so full

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The Church (Cont'd)

there was no space for a person to sit down.

But the church flourished and grew rich. It finally became necessary to establish visiting hours, charge admission, and hire a guard to protect it's contents from the people (mostly tourists and reporters with cameras) who flowed through it.

Although pushed into a dark corner, the Guru remained intact. But the stage became too crowded for the people to stand on. The old pottery pitcher got broken and so did the cup, and one day, when a rich American tourist sent a towering totem pole in honor of the Great Spirit Manitou, the carved doors proved to be so unwieldy that it was thought best to remove them and replace them with a turnstile.

Most of the people, including the stage builder, enjoyed dusting the statues and collecting admission. But the old woman, finding no water and no place to rest, drifted away.

The carpenter found his doors on the scrap pile. They were scarred and broken but from what was left he fashioned doors for a child's play house. And the devout man, filled with rage at what they had done to his church, took his guru and went off to another city where he built a new church exactly like the old one.

Henry Ward Beecher

Henry Ward Beecher, one of America's greatest preachers, was well known for his inspirational orations. He did not deny his Spiritualism. In a discourse delivered in 1878 he said, "I suppose that from the beginning of things this world has been open to the influence of spirits. It is not difficult to believe that there is a spiritual influence which we can neither understand nor appreciate. This is certainly the doctrine of the new testament and the old testament as well. It was taught by the Saviour and His Apostles."

From Centennial Vol. N.S.A.C.

Duality (Cont'd)

God, to be God, has no beginning and therefore no ending. Spirit is one, whole and complete, formless and free. We live in a world of creation which, by the very laws of nature, guarantees change of all things that have form. Let us free our minds from the duality of creation and seek the oneness of the God within that we may know the peace that passes all understanding.

FAITH AND FREEDOM

By: LeRoy A. Haynes

Faith, as defined in the dictionary, is a believing without proof; a trust. Faith is a belief in God, religion, or spiritual things. Good faith is honesty of intention. Bad faith has the intent to deceive. Blind faith is one which one believes in, but without any proof, one way or the other.

We cultivate Faith to free us from bondage; to release from our universes the states or conditions we may be accustomed to but would like to be free of.

We want the development of a Faith that will not keep us under the control of another; lets us be free "to think for ourselves". Freedom of speech does not mean we have, or should have, the liberty to extend malicious gossip or tell lies.

Faith is a gift given to us by Infinite Intelligence - God. But, we individuals must build up daily faith if we are to have it in the crisis. If little frets and ills weaken our faith how can we possibly be ready to meet the swirling waters of trouble or grief? Once Faith is established it will not wilt, nor toss us up and down with the ocean waves. It will be steady, and even, . . . maintained.

Declaration of Principles, N.S.A.C.

We believe that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

In this manner we express our belief in the immanence of Spirit and that all forms of life are manifestations of Spirit or Infinite Intelligence, and thus that all men are children of God.

Prayer For Spiritual Healing -

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part. I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust in the love and power of God.

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Rev. Clyde Dibble
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Pathways To Spiritualism (con't)

By the Rev. Genevieve Woelfl, NST

We believe that the spirit world is a definite place of living with beauty, culture, and learning.

It is just as real, spiritually, to spirit people as our world is real, materially, to us.

Our spirit teachers have also said that, at the time of death, the density of the physical body is removed and the spirit body with the soul (the real self) emerges or is released to gravitate to that plane of vibration for which its earth life has prepared it.

Man takes with him only the good he has done while here.

The pathway to Spiritualism has brought untold comfort to the many who accept as factual this communication with the spirit world. Because of their own personal, psychic experiences, none can undermine their belief.

Over a period of years intelligent normal conversations have taken place between this author and dwellers in the spirit realm, through **Automatic Writing.** The hand holds the pencil; the pencil writes, without any movement on the author's part. **I know this is true, because my hand is used by a force outside myself.** Only that which is constructive, pertinent, helpful information for guidance and good is written.

Much of prophecy given in this manner, has come to pass. The pathway to Spiritualism is a wide avenue leading to logical explanations and to the understanding of many psychic phenomena.

Ever Willing Trusting Thee . . .

Where Thou lead me I will go
Asking not Thy reason show
For in Thee my trust shall be
Angel loved ones guiding me
Thru the turmoil of the night
When my path I know not right
Comes the answer to my prayer
Angel loved ones wait and care
When in doubt and troubles way
Pride and ego have their say
Selfless humble all I place
Angel loved ones in Thy grace
Ever willing trusting Thee
Angels of God's love I see
Ever willing trusting Thee
God's protection is with me.

Telephone Talks

Pauline Leonard

It takes dedication and resolve to live one's faith. We are living in a permissive and self-indulgent age, and self discipline is neither popular nor easy. Yet outside of discipline there is no real freedom. Outside of right living there is no true security.

Variation of our moods is natural and healthy. Of course we are happier some days than others, we like some people more than others, and prefer one endeavor to another. But we can discipline ourselves to do each undertaking honestly, refrain from condemning anyone, and get ourselves through a moody day without letting full-fledged self-pity develop.

When we are shaken by some outer circumstance, we should remember the presence of spirit within us and affirm it at once as the real and wonderful **Truth** of our being.

Victor Hugo on Immortality

For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose, verse, history, philosophy, drama, romance, tradition, satire, ode, song. I have tried all. But I feel that I have not said the thousandth part of what is in me. When I go down to my grave I can say like so many others, "I have finished my day's work" but I can not say "I have finished my life."

The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes in the twilight to open in the dawn. I improve every hour because I love this world as my fatherland. My work is only beginning. My monument is hardly above its foundation. I shall be glad to see it mounting and mounting forever. The thirst for the infinite proves infinity.

LETTERS TO M . . .

Dear M: If you are a cripple do you stay this same way as a spirit? B.

Dear B.
When we leave the physical body we take with us our mind. If our minds are not attached to the physical ailment then we will not create a mental body with the same disablement. Our spirit body, being a part of God, is whole and complete. It knows nothing of imperfection. If you want to help someone who has passed on to create a perfect mental body, visualize them as whole and perfect. M.

Dear M: If you leave this earth with bad thoughts do they stay with you over there? Do spirits have a sense of humor?

Y.

Dear Y.
The whole essence of your question is covered by the universal law of personal responsibility. Try to understand that when we leave this plane we have been inhabiting a material body which comes from the elements of the earth and returns to them. As it is possible to change our thinking from so-called 'bad' to 'good' at this very moment it is also possible to change our thinking in the world of spirit. The same universal laws which operate on earth also operate in the spirit realm. Keep your sense of humor, you may want to take it with you. M.

A certified medium will attempt to answer your questions regarding spiritual, psychic and related subjects.

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Church News

Santa Barbara, Calif.

The Spiritualist Church of the Comforter, 1028 Garden St., will hold a mass meeting on Sunday, March 30. C.S.S.A. President Mr. Edmound Foard will be the speaker at the 11:00 A.M. service. A benefit lunch will be served at 1:00 P.M. followed by a 2:30 service. Visitors welcome. Myrtle Green, Sec'y.

Testimony of Thomas to Tourists

By Rev. Thomas Freeman, New South Wales, Australia. Published by Australian Women's Weekly, April 10, 1968.

. . . Thou shalt not expect to find things as thou has them at home, for thou has left thy home to find things different.

. . . Thou shalt not take anything too seriously, for a carefree mind is the beginning of a holiday.

. . . Thou shalt not let the other tourists get on thy nerves, for thou art paying out good money to have a good time.

. . . Remember thy passport so that thou knowest where it is at all times, for a voyager without a passport is a traveller without a country.

. . . Blessed is the man who can say "thank you" in any language, for it shall be more to him than much advice.

. . . Blessed is the man who can make change in any currency, for lo, he shall not be cheated.

. . . Thou shalt not worry. He that worrieth hath no pleasure, and few things are ever fatal.

. . . Thou shalt not judge the people of a country by one person with whom thou hast trouble.

. . . Thou shalt, when in Rome, do somewhat as the Romans do. If in difficulty, thou shalt use common sense and friendliness.

. . . Remember thou art a guest in every land, and he that treateth his host with respect shall be treated as an honored guest.

. . . Thou mayest enjoy much window-shopping - remembering that beyond this increaseth baggage and may engender much wrath in many directions.

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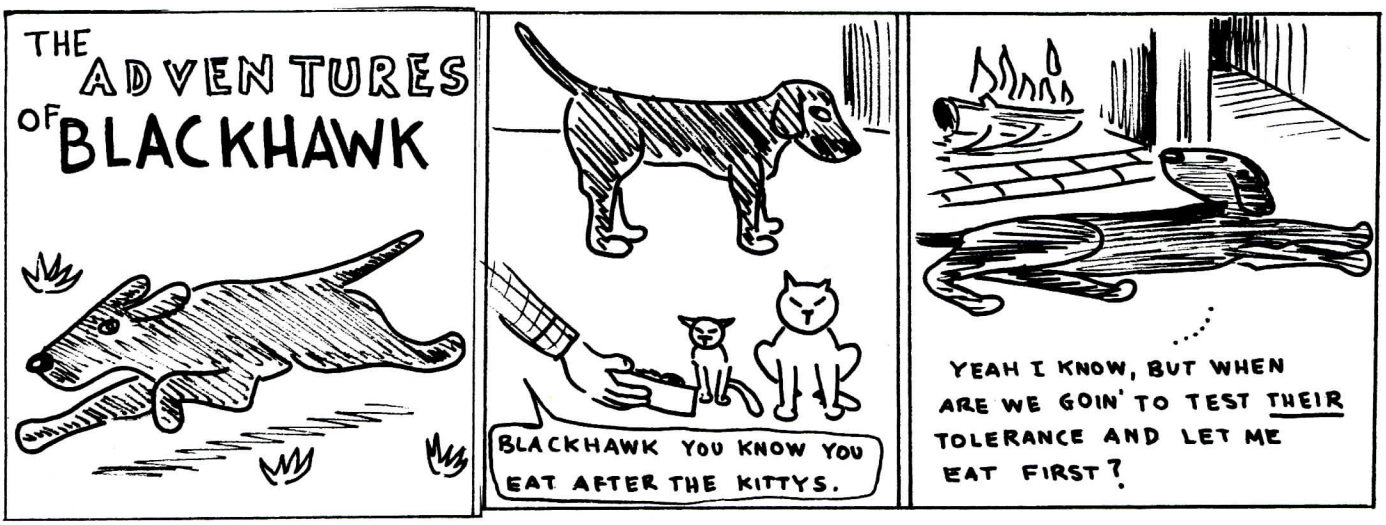

For the Girls

Have you tried false eye-lashes? You can have beautiful eyes with a little bit of practice. You will need the following items: a good soft eye-brow pencil, eye liner (liquid, pencil or cake) eye-liner brush, eye-shadow (cake or brush on), eye-brow brush and a set of lashes which are already feathered.

You can apply either eye-liner or lashes first. Remember to keep eye-line going up. It will take a little practice to get the lashes on properly, but don't give up. If your own lashes are light, curl them and put on some mascara so they will blend in with your "falsies". Add eye-shadow, remembering to make the eye "almond" shaped by starting from the inside corner of the eye and blending the shadow outwards. If you wear glasses use a bit more eye-liner and shadow.

Jan Yager

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